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NO FRICTION BETWEEN BOARDS.

Groundless Reports Published by Certain Partisan Papers.

Guthrie, Okla., July 22.—Some of the partisan papers of the state are pretending that there is a great amount of friction between the board of public affairs and the board of agriculture and are publishing stories in regard to deadlocks, contests, etc., between these two boards. Such stories are all moonshine, there is absolutely no friction, and the friendliest of feeling exists. A friendly suit is now pending which will determine the duties of these two boards but which was not brought by either board. The question involved is whether or not agricultural school buildings should be built by the board of agriculture or the board of affairs. The board of agriculture maintains that it is their duty, and the proposition has never been disputed by the board of affairs. A contractor, who is doing the work, presented a claim to the state auditor for payment. The state auditor refused because it did not bear the O. K. of the board of affairs. The state

auditor wants to be sure that he is right before he pays state money out. This is certainly commendable on his part. The contractor then brought an action of mandamus to compel the auditor to pay the warrant without the O. K. of the board of affairs, which will have the effect of determining to a certainty whether or not it is necessary for the board of affairs to in any way act in the construction of agricultural school buildings. All reports of friction are entirely groundless.

Read Ardmoreite Want Ads.

Negro Troops in Gotham.

New York, July 23.—New York negroes are preparing for a great blow-out when the transport bearing the Tenth Cavalry Regiment arrives here within the next few days. Major General Leonard Wood has granted permission for the negro regiment to remain in the city a day and accept the lavish entertainment of the metropolitan colored people. The Tenth Cavalry has been on duty in the Philippines and is now heading home on a transport which made the trip by way of the Suez canal.

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Changes Are Noticeable Every Week to One Who Stands on the Veranda of the Office Building and Looks Across Chagris Valley.

Panama, July 22.—The men who work at Gatun and the people who see the dam and the lock pit every day, do not realize what progress is being made there, because they are so familiar with it all. But to one who visits the place once a month, or less frequently, and there are thousands of such people on the canal zone, the whole aspect of the valley seems changed with each visit.

There is a noticeable change not only every month, but every week, for one who stands on the veranda of the office building and looks across the Chagris Valley sees some new development in the great work. Just at present water is in a large majority, for the floods of the rainy season have covered the flats of the basin south of the dam, and a miniature of Gatun Lake stretches across the valley. Within the limits of the dam itself, between the north and south locks, there is more water, another small lake, but this is deliberately pumped in and is part of the process of making the great hydraulic fill.

Even to people on the canal zone the method of building the dam is not well understood, and few people in the states, outside interested members of the engineering profession have any idea of the project. Not long ago, for instance, a member of congress, and a very intelligent one at that, visited the canal zone and freely admitted that he had always thought the Gatun Dam was to be a massive piece of masonry. Another, as frankly admitted that he thought the congress had decided on a sea level canal, and that the lock at Gatun was intended only to keep the tide in the Atlantic Ocean from rushing through the narrow channel.

Now the purpose of the dam is to hold the water of the Chagris River in a basin 160 miles square at an elevation eighty-five feet above sea level. In this basin, known as Gatun Lake, vessels will sail through a broad channel and the Culebra Cut to a point on the Pacific side of the isthmus, where smaller dams will let the ships down to the sea level channel. The Gatun Dam will be a low, broad ridge of earth extending across the Chagris Valley from Gatun to the hills opposite, a distance of one and a half miles. Its dimensions are roughly a mile and a half long, a third of a mile broad at the base and one-fifth of a mile high. Just think over the relation of the height to the base, and then imagine a structure like that ever failing.

In building this dam, two ridges of rock, 1,200 feet apart at the nearest point, have been piled up half way across the valley to a hill located in the center of the dam site into the space dredges are pumping sandy clay, a material selected because of its impermeability to water. These dredges are working day and night, each one vomiting 150,000 cubic yards of earth a month into the dam site. If the figures expressed in cubic yards do not mean much to you, then imagine a mass of earth 200 feet long, 300 feet wide and fifteen feet high, and you will have an idea of what an immense amount of material is being pumped into the dam by each of these dredges. Divide the monthly total into 20 million yards, and you will know approximately how long it will take to complete the dam. The ridges of earth referred to above are being extended clear across the valley, and in time the dredges will begin to fill the space between them on the other half of the dam.

Through the hill, referred to as half way across the valley and in the dam site, a spillway is being built, as a means of keeping the heavy floods of the Chagris Valley from ever

getting above a certain height in the lake. It would not do to let the water run over the dam, for the earth would easily wash away. In a few days, it will be announced in the Canal Record, the official bulletin of the Isthmian Canal Commission, that the lower or north part of the spillway floor is completed. This will be a surprise to people who have not watched the progress of that part of the work closely.

On March 17 the first yard of concrete was laid in the spillway floor. In the last week in June this part of the floor was completed, a solid mass of concrete 900 feet long, three hundred wide and from one to four feet thick. Thirty thousand cubic yards of concrete had in a little over three months—ask some engineer of your acquaintance what he thinks of that. Capt. G. M. Hoffman, who is in immediate charge of the work on the big dam and spillway, is pleased but modest. "The men have worked hard and the result shows it," is his comment.

Without leaving the veranda, merely by turning at a right angle from the site of the locks and dam, one may look down the line on which ships sail from the Atlantic entrance to the locks at Gatun. It is only eight miles to deep water in Limon Bay, and less than half that distance to the shore line. But the canal begins in deep water; the channel to Gatun will be not less than forty-one feet deep, at mean tide.

A ship as big as most of those that put into Colon moves up and down the line of the channel, day and night, six days of the week. In her hold amidsthips is a big pump and two bins with collapsible bottoms, opening downward into the sea. This ship lets two 20-inch pipes over her sides until the lower end of each rests in the mud on the bottom of the bay. Then she starts her pump whirling and moves slowly down the line of the canal. Two streams of mud pour into the big bins and under the water two ditches in the bottom of the bay are the mark of the work the dredges are doing. A few minutes after the pumps are started they are stopped again, the dredge has reached deep water and now runs out beyond the limits of the harbor to open her bins and discharge the mud. This dredge is doing the work of three steam shovels, 15,000 cubic yards in twenty-four hours.

The seagoing dredge works only on the surface below her own depth in the water, but the ladder and dipper dredges push their noses up against the shore line and eat their way into the land. A channel ten feet deep exists from deep water five miles inland, and a channel forty feet deep has been dug three miles shoreward from deep water. Between Gatun and of lowland, through which the dredges are gnawing a channel, are some low hills, known as the Mindi Hills, and here steam shovels are working below sea level in a pit dug by pumping.

The dredging, the steam shovel work at Mindi, the excavation in the lock pit at Gatun and the building of the dam—these are the features of the canal construction between Gatun Lake and the Atlantic. It is worth a trip from New Orleans just to stand for an hour on the veranda of the office at Gatun and see how this work is progressing. It is typical of the whole big canal machine.

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Express Clerk Confessed Yesterday to the Theft of \$10,000 From the Adams Express Company—Hid the Money in His Bathroom.

Chicago, Ill., July 22.—Clayton T. Zimmerman, 29 years old, a clerk on a salary of \$55 a month in the "out money" office of the Adams Express company, was arrested today off the theft of the package of \$10,000 in currency which disappeared a week ago. Zimmerman admitted taking the money. Working eleven hours a day, every day in the year, on a small salary and handling close to a million dollars a day at the office of the express company, turned the young man's head, and when he had an opportunity to "hold out" a small fortune, he admits, he secreted the \$10,000 package and went about his work. When he was left alone in the express company's office last Monday night, Zimmerman tore open the bundle, which he had concealed and filled his pockets with the hundreds of brand new \$5 and \$10 bills which the package contained. In one pocket he also placed the string and wrappings.

Then, leaving the office a few minutes later—it was just midnight—he boarded a Madison street car and started for his home, 1284 west Monroe street. A few blocks from his home he took the package wrappings, and rolling them into a wad, east them into a vacant lot.

Upon his arrival home he extracted from his bulging pockets the bright new bills and, placing them all in one bundle, rolled them into an old newspaper and hid them in the bathroom in a hole concealed by a baseboard directly behind the bathtub. There the money was found today by the detectives after Zimmerman had led them to the hiding place.

The package containing \$10,000 was turned over to the Adams Express company at 8 p. m. last Monday by a messenger from the National Bank of the Republic. It was directed to the Second National Bank of Monmouth, Ill. When the cashier of the bank at Monmouth did not receive the money the following morning he notified B. McKnight, the Adams agent at Monmouth, and the theft was discovered.

Detectives of the Pinkerton agency were placed on the case, but after six days' work were unable to trace it after it was delivered to the company's office at 108 west Monroe street. Thereupon it was agreed that the money did not leave the city. There are four clerks in the "out-money" department of the express company, and all of them were shadowed by detectives. Three of these men are long-standing employees in the "out-money" office of the company. The fourth was Zimmerman, who had been in the employ of the express company only two years and in the "out-money" office only six weeks.

By the process of elimination and deduction it was figured that Zimmerman was guilty. Then, by a dramatic visit to the man's home, the detectives confronted him with the money and he confessed.

"I'll tell all," he said, with head bowed and a short snarl came in his mouth. The light had gone out, and after lighting it Zimmerman in an easy manner, told the story of his theft.

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